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SUBJ: DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST USAID IN SAVANNAKHET AND LUANG
PRABANG

1. AS FORESEEN, DEMONSTRATIONS WERE STAGED IN BOTH
SAVANNAKHET AND LUANG PRABANG MORNING MAY 13, WITH USAID
FACILITIES AMONG THE TARGETS.

2. DEMONSTRATION IN LUANG PRABANG BEGAN AT CHAO KHOUANG'S
(PROVINCE GOVERNOR'S) OFFICE, MOVED TO MAYOR'S OFFICE, THEN TO
USAID AND ON TO OTHER LOCATIONS. DEMONSTRATORS--WHO INCLUDED
STUDENTS, SAMLOR AND TAXI DRIVERS, LABOR-ORGAINZATION MEMBERS
AND WAR VETERANS--CAUSED SOME DAMAGE AT USAID COMPOUND (TYPE-
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WRITERS THROWN OUT OF WINDOWS, UPHOLSTERY SLASHED, PAPERS

STREWN ABOUT, ETC.) BUT DID NOT ATTEMPT TO ENTER AREA COORDINATOR'S OFFICE, RADIO ROOM OR OTHER PORTIONS OF BUILDING THAT WERE LOCKED. JOINT POLICE, WHOSE PROTECTION HAD BEEN SOUGHT BY AREA COORDINATOR THROUGH INTERMEDIARY NIGHT BEFORE, STOOD BY WHILE DEMONSTRATORS WERE AT USAID COMPOUND AND ASSUMED GUARD DUTY ONLY AFTER DEMONSTRATORS HAD BEEN MOVED ON.

3. THERE WAS NO PHYSICAL DANGER TO AMERICAN PERSONNEL DURING DEMONSTRATION BUT ALL ARE NOW BEING MOVED FROM XIENG NGUEN (TG 0587) TO VIENTIANE BY CONTRACT AIR.

4. FEWER DETAILS SO FAR AVAILABLE FROM SAVANNAKHET, BUT IT IS ESTABLISHED THAT DEMONSTRATORS THERE HAVE DETAINED THREE AMERICAN EMPLOYEES OF USAID (SANFORD STONE, DANIEL STER AND CHARLES PEARCY).

5. CHARGE TELEPHONED FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUMI VONGVICHIT AT APPROXIMATELY 1000 HOURS ON RECEIVING FIRST WORD OF INCIDENT DESCRIBED PARA 2 ABOVE AND PURSUED MATTER WITH HIM DURING SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT AT 1130. IN LIGHT OF INFO PARA 4, HE IS MAKING FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO PRIME MINISTER THIS AFTERNOON. DETAILS THESE CONVERSATIONS FOLLOW SEPTTEL.
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